

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Schmutz, *et al.*

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Honourable Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**RESPONSE and AMENDMENT**

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2008.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.